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# No Pool-Rooms, Says Murphy.

## JEROME BEGINS RAIDS

### GIANT STRIKE OF STEEL WORKERS.

Advisory Board in Session at Pittsburgh Favors Calling All Men Out Unless Corporation Backs Down at Once.

Order Calling Men Out Likely to Be Promulgated To-Night—200,000 Workmen Are Affected.

(Special to The Evening World.)

PITTSBURG, April 17.

A strike against the American Sheet Steel Company, one of the J. Pierpont Morgan billion-dollar trust units, will in all probability be declared this afternoon by the National Advisory Board of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers.

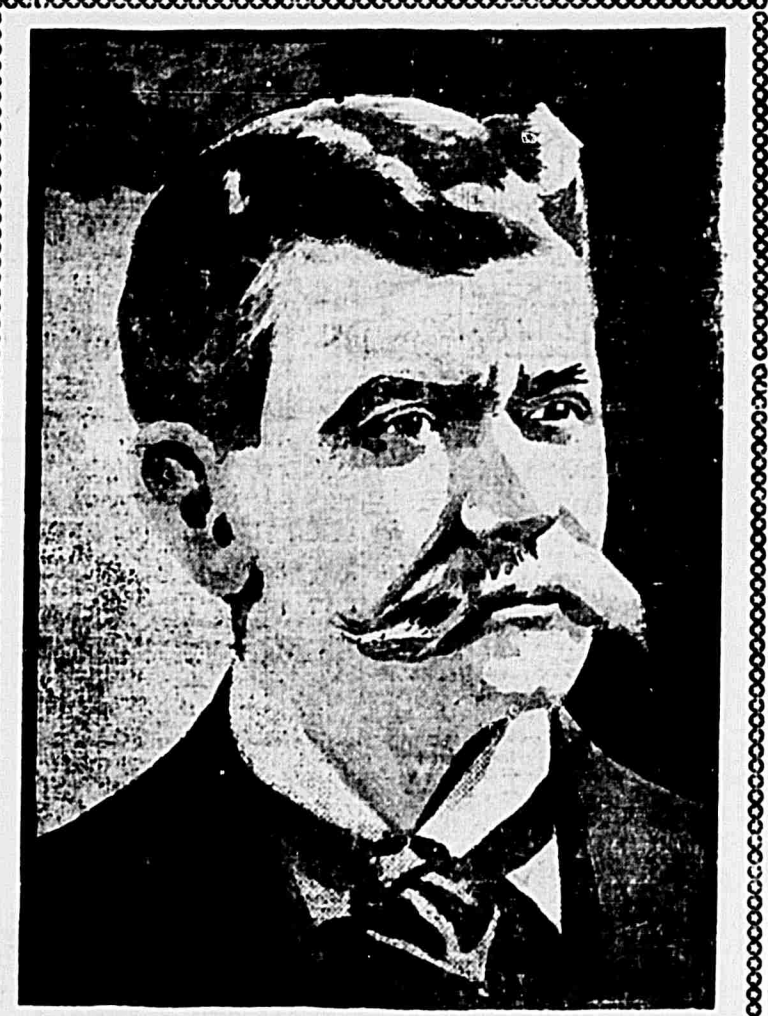
At 2 o'clock this afternoon the following strike resolution was laid before the National Advisory Board by President Shaffer, who earnestly advocated its passage:

"THAT THE PRESIDENT IS EMPOWERED TO CALL OUT ALL THE SHEET MILLS OF THE AMERICAN SHEET STEEL COMPANY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION, AND IN CASE HE DEEMS IT NECESSARY TO EXTEND THE CALL TO ALL MEMBERS EMPLOYED IN THE PLANTS CONTROLLED AND OPERATED BY THE UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION."

It will require a majority of seven votes to carry this resolution, and this will be followed by an order to close all the union sheet mills in the country in which the combination is interested. A majority of the members of the Board declared positively this afternoon that they would vote for an immediate strike at all the sheet mills of the American Steel Company unless the demands of the men are conceded by the sheet combination. The strike order in all probability will be sent out to-night.

The Association has 50,000 members, and if the sheet steel strike does not prove effective a general strike against the United States steel corporation will be ordered which will effect 200,000 workmen, and all the plants of the Morgan combine.

General Manager Smith and Secretary John Jarrett, of the American Sheet Steel Company, were invited to be present, but Mr. Smith did not attend. Secretary Jarrett was on hand and placed before the members of the Amalgamated



THEODORE F. SHAFFER.  
(He is President of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers and may manage a great strike.)

Association the position his company had taken in the fight now on.

**Trust Must Back Down.**

The combine will be asked to vacate the position it has taken, or else the strike will be declared. Around the Amalgamated headquarters a general air of expectancy prevails. Men of all crafts are dropping in at all times and eagerly inquire as to what the prospects for a strike are. They seem to realize that once the struggle is precipitated, its effects must of necessity be far-reaching.

President Shaffer, of the association, stated that he would go to McKeesport after the meeting to advise the men now on a strike and counsel them to be mild in their acts.

**Plan of Big Strike.**

At first, if the managers of the Wood plant where 400 men are out, refuse to accede to the demands of the Amalgamated Association and refuse to recognize that organization, the workmen of the American Sheet Steel Company will be called out. This would shut down mills at Pittsburgh, Martin's Ferry, O., Newport, Ky., Youngstown, O., and New Castle, Pa.

If the corporation is stubborn then a general order calling out iron, steel, tin and tube workers will be promulgated. All these branches are organized by the Amalgamated Association and it is believed here that such an order would be obeyed.

"I couldn't yield the point demanded of me at McKeesport, and I would rather die fighting than lie down. The issue has been drawn, there can be no backing down," said President Theodore F. Shaffer before the meeting to-day.

"We have received telegrams from our members in different sections of the country, endorsing the stand we have taken, and saying they will stand by us if it comes to a general strike."

**Men Awaiting the Word.**

The W. Deeweas Wood plant of the American Sheet Steel Company at McKeesport was crippled to-day. The strikers had retired to their homes to await the decision of the National Advisory Board. They had had an exciting night.

It was reported that the company would make an attempt to bring outside men to McKeesport, and that a score or more men were on barges across the river awaiting an opportunity to be smuggled into the works.

Patrols were thrown out and every avenue of approach guarded, but the report was evidently without foundation, as the expected move did not develop.

The hammer house was the only department in operation, and unless the sheet mills resume work soon the men in this department will have no material to work on after Friday of this week.

During the night Manager Cooper posted an order notifying all employees in the run-out force, bar

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### SIX MORE POOLROOMS RAIDED BY FIFTEEN.

Supt. McCullagh and detectives from the Committee of Fifteen raided more alleged pool-rooms this afternoon. At 10:45 a.m. "The" Allen's place, 90 Sixth avenue; Allen and two others arrested and taken to Mercer street station. At 2:13 a.m. street; four prisoners, to Macdougal street station. At 3:13 a.m. Mercer street; no details yet known; prisoners to Macdougal street. At 2:40 a.m. East Smith street; five prisoners, to Macdougal street. At 2:16 a.m. East Fourteenth street; three prisoners, to Macdougal street.

Fifth street Court, Chambers reported as protesting against this raid. At Fourteenth street and Eighth avenue; particulars not yet received at Police Headquarters.

### CLARK VENEZUELA'S BROOKLYN COFFEE PLANT.

A third man was forced in for a fine at the police court to-day for the same offense. The man was charged with the same offense. The man was charged with the same offense. The man was charged with the same offense.

### LATE RESULTS AT AQUEDUCT.

Sixth Race—Heliobas 1, Godfrey 2, West 3.

### VENEZUELA CAN NOT FIX CLAIMS.

Three Nations with United States in Objecting to Castro's Foreign Commission.

PORT OF SPAIN, April 17.—Germany, the United States, Great Britain and Spain have refused to recognize the Venezuelan courts as fit tribunals to adjudicate claims involving the rights of foreigners.

A few weeks ago Gen. Castro, the Provisional President of Venezuela, issued three decrees which created an unpleasant impression in diplomatic circles. These were in reference to the adjustment and payment of foreign claims arising from the injuries inflicted upon foreigners and their property during the last revolution in Venezuela.

The first decree created a commission to which all claims were ordered to be referred. The commission was to examine and pass upon them, and if any one was not satisfied he could appeal to the Supreme Court.

In short, the proposed commission was a court of first instance.

Another decree limited the time for filing claims to ninety days. This was manifestly unacceptable, because from remote parts of Venezuela, where foreigners are mostly complaining, it takes six or seven weeks to get a letter.

The third decree provided for the payment of all claims in a new obligation to be called the Revolutionary Debt. This paper is without guarantee of any kind. The best bond Venezuela has, with Custom House receipts as guarantee, is worth only 10 cents on the dollar.

The diplomatic corps at Caracas held a meeting and the decrees were denounced to their respective governments as impossible.

It was pointed out that the proposed Commission and the Supreme Court working in harmony could delay or prevent the payment of any claim.

At a general meeting of the North American Company, Limited, held in London April 17 it was announced that the Board of Directors had made further representations to the British Foreign Office, claiming damages for the illegal action of the Venezuelan judges respecting the company's properties in that country.

### ROCKHILL STIRS GERMANS.

Exception Taken to Statement on China Against China.

LONDON, April 17.—The Times' Berlin correspondent to-day represents the German Government as being in a state of considerable indignation at the statement in the American press of Mr. Rockhill's figures of the indemnities which may be demanded from China. The Times says:

"The statement is exceedingly incorrect and calculated to give an entirely false impression. The excess of the German over the English claims is easily understood. The Germans sent a much larger force from Europe, while the British sent one from India, comparatively near at hand. In these circumstances it is regarded here as a matter of deep regret that the misleading account published in America should be commented on in the English papers in a spirit calculated to give offense to Germany."

### BROOKLYNS LOST TO TORONTO TEAM.

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### Champions Fall Victims to Lively Battering of Strong Eastern League Team.

(Special to The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON PARK, Ball Grounds, Brooklyn, N. Y., April 17.—"Sheekard, do you think you can stop the hot ones down by third to-day?" asked Ned Hanlon, the astute.

"What's the matter with me?" remarked Joseph Kelley, he of the curly locks and adonis form.

"You made two errors yesterday," replied Hanlon.

"How about you, Sheekard? Do you think you can take the warm grounders in your mitt instead of on your shins?"

"I'll do the best I can," replied James, the spy. "But don't roast me if I fail down."

"Well, you get the job to-day. You can play the case if you want to, so let me see your top speed."

Manager Hanlon is having his own troubles finding a capable third baseman in the ranks of the champions. Billy Dahlen can play the position like a class star, but the speedy German is needed in the short field.

**Trouble in the Infield.**

It is whispered around among the fans that Hanlon has lost many a night's sleep because he let little Demont go. He never figured that Lave Cross, the man with the warped legs, would jump to the American League.

"I'm having a tough time getting somebody to play third," Hanlon admitted before the game started.

"Gates may do, but he still has a lame arm and can't play. It's remarkable how players hate to tackle that third base job. They seem to be afraid of the position. I know a few men on my team who could play third if they wanted to, but they won't try. I give Kelley credit for one thing. He isn't afraid to tackle it, and he can play it at that with a bit of practice."

**Toronto Offers to Sell a Baseman.**

Manager Barrows, of the Toronto Club, cheered Hanlon up a bit before the game began.

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### "Bon Ton," on West Twenty-third Street, Swooped Upon and Four Men Arrested—Justice Holds Court in Police Station.

Lessee of Place Was John Reilly, Formerly Clerk of the Criminal Court—More Raids Are Promised.

When an Evening World reporter showed Justice Jerome at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon, Police Commissioner Murphy's statement that there are no pool-rooms running the smelter and said:

"My answer lies in the fact that we have just raided a pool-room in the Tenderloin. I am going there now."

Then the Justice put on his hat and coat and with Assistant District Attorney Gans and his clerk, proceeded at once to the Tenderloin.

The pool-room raided was at No. 113 West Twenty-third street, which is the Bon Ton Music Hall, formerly Koster & Blal's.

The room was upstairs. Four men were arrested and taken to the West Thirtieth street police station, to which place Justice Jerome hurried to hold court and accept bail if it were offered.

At 3:50 o'clock a messenger arrived at the police station, bearing four warrants signed by Justice Jerome. He handed the warrants to Sgt. Carson and asked for a detail of police to serve them.

Twelve policemen were assigned and hurried to West Twenty-third street in a patrol wagon. A great crowd gathered as the wagon rolled up to the music hall, most of those composing it imagining that trouble in the resort had occasioned the presence of the police.

Led by Justice Jerome's messenger, the twelve policemen rushed upstairs and into the pool-room. The place was well filled, and a panic ensued, most of the occupants rushing to doors and windows, only to find the police, who were quickly distributed, guarding every means of exit.

The four men for whom the warrants were issued were placed under arrest, all the others being dismissed from the place. The prisoners are:

GEORGE L. WILLIAMS, of No. 42 West Thirtieth street.

JOHN H. Clark, of No. 112 East One Hundred and Sixteenth street.

THOMAS LEDWITH, of No. 736 Eighth avenue.

JAMES BARRY, of No. 317 Wythe avenue, Brooklyn.

The Bon Ton Music Hall Building is leased by John Reilly, a former clerk of the Criminal Court, and a strong man of Tammany. He claims that the apartments above the music hall were used as lodges rooms. Reilly was not arrested.

The raid was quietly made, but the clattering of feet and the noise made during the attempts at escape reached the auditorium, and many in the audience started for the door with a rush.

Once outside their excitement added to the excitement, and before the prisoners were driven off in the patrol wagon the place was nearly empty.

**"NO POOLROOMS" SAYS MURPHY.**

An Evening World reporter put this question to Police Commissioner Michael C. Murphy at his home, No. 133 Broome street, this afternoon:

"Cool, Murphy, you are quoted almost

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